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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Deptt., - Allegations of irregularities in execution works in Palakonda Mandal of Srikakulam district under MGNREGS Scheme – Charges against Sri C. Venugopal, former Executive Engineer, PR, Palakonda and Superintending Engineer, PR (now Retired) – Not held proved in the inquiry - Further action – dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG. I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.93

Dt:07.03.2023.

Read the following:

1. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I(1)/3419/2012,dated: 17.05.2012
2. G.O.Rt.No. 160, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 31.01.2013.
3. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/3419/2012, dt: 19.06.2017.
4. G.O.Rt.No. 132, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 09.02.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.NO. 34, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 17.01.2020.
6. From the C.E, PR-II and Inquiry Ofcer, Letter No. CE(PR)/ 3419/Enquiry Report/ 2015, dated: 29.04.2021.
7. Govt. Memo No. 12515/ Vig. I/2012-9, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt:03.11.2021.
8. From Sri C. Venugopal, former EE,PR, Palakonda and retired SE, PR, Amalapuram, erstwhile E.G. District and presently Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, representation dt: 20.01.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR has furnished report on the allegation of certain irregularities in execution works in Palakonda of Srikakulam District causing loss to Government and recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against six (6) Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel for substandard execution of works.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri C. Venugopal, the then Executive Engineer, PR, Palakonda for committing certain allegation of in execution of works under MGNREGS duly framing following article of charge against him under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1980, with a direction to the charged officer to submit his written statement of defence:

Article-I:

That the said Sri C. Venugopal, deputation in Commissioner of Endowments Department, while working as Executive Engineer, PR, Palakonda has failed to follow the Government norms in execution, supervision and payment of the work Gravelling and Metalling the Road from Lumburu to Voni sanctioned at an Estimate Cost of Rs. 10.00 lakhs under MGNREGS funds during the financial year 2009-2010.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the ENC,PR has furnished the written statement of defence dt:30.06.2016 of the charged officer Sri C. Venugopal, former E.E, PR, Palakonda and working as Superintending Engineer, PR to Government. In this case, in addition to the above charged officer, there are other (5) charges officers are also involved. In view the same, Government after examination of the written statements of defence of all the charged officers and having not satisfied with the same, have decided to conduct

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regular inquiry into the charge framed against the charged officer Sri C. Venugopal, former E.E, PR, Palakonda including against five (5) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

3. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government have appointed Sri K.Ravindra, Chief Engineer, PR as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the all the six (6) charged officers in the matter. Subsequently, Government vide reference 5th read above, have appointed the Chief Engineer, PR-II & MGNREGS (by designation) as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the matter since Sri K. Ravindra, C.E (PR) was retired from service on 30.06.2019.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Chief Engineer, PR-II & Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report and among others, the Inquiry Authority has held that the charged framed against the charged officer Sri C. Venugopal, former E.E,PR, Palakonda and retired S.E (PR) is not held proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri C. Venugopal, former EE, PR, Palakonda and retired S.E (PR) as per Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation if any thereon on the findings of inquiry authority to Government for taking further action in the matter.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri C. Venugopal, former EE,PR, Palakonda and retired SE, PR, has submitted representation duly stating that the charge is not held proved against him in the inquiry and requested to consider the same and to drop further action against him in the matter.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and accordingly hereby drop further action against Sri C. Venugopal, former EE, PR, Palakonda and retired SE, PR in the matter, since charge is not held proved against him.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP is requested to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri C. Venugopal, former EE,PR, Palakonda and retired SE, PR,Amalapuram, erstwhile E.G. District and presently Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District through Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada

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